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General Maxwell D. Taylor  
 Military Advisor to the President  
 Washington 25, D. C.

Dear General Taylor:

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With reference to your conversation with Special Agent Orrin H. Bartlett of this Bureau on June 23, 1962, concerning a letter dated June 8, 1962, addressed to the President from Mr. Charles Bartlett of the "Chattanooga Times," the following data is being set forth.

Concerning your request for an FBI characterization of Ernesto Betancourt, there is attached the original of a memorandum containing a summary of information pertaining to him. It is noted therein that Betancourt was a registered agent for Castro and has periodically furnished information to this Bureau since 1957, some of which was on a confidential basis. (u)

With reference to your request for information dealing with a possible conversation between an FBI man named Winters and an individual named Perramon, it is noted that there is a Howard P. Winter who is a Special Agent assigned to our Washington Field Office. Perramon is identically with Jorge A. Perramon, a former captain in the Cuban Air Force who has served as an informant of this Bureau for the past two years. (u)

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~~ERNESTO BETANCOURT~~ (u)

Ernesto Betancourt whose full name is Ernesto Francisco Betancourt y Hernandez is a Cuban national who was born on November 7, 1927, at Havana, Cuba. His education has included courses at Havana University in Cuba and at American University, Washington, D. C. He is married and his wife's name is Raquel Irigote Betancourt. He is presently a staff employee of the Pan American Union, Washington, D. C. (u)

Betancourt registered as an agent for Fidel Castro, leader of the July 26th Movement, in Washington, D. C., on August 1, 1957, under the provisions of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended. As a registered agent his main activity was sending letters and news releases to various news media in the Washington, D. C., area. Betancourt subsequently became disillusioned with Castro and broke with the Castro regime. (u)

Betancourt was first interviewed by representatives of this Bureau in September, 1957. Since that time he has periodically furnished information concerning Cuban matters, some of which was on a Confidential basis. Information furnished by Betancourt which was susceptible to verification was found to be correct. (u)

As recently as March, 1962, Betancourt advised that he intended on his own to make a defection approach to Mario Garcia Machado, Cuban Ambassador to the United Nations. Although the approach was unsuccessful, Betancourt kept us advised of the details. Information received from Betancourt concerning this approach was made available to the Department of State and other interested agencies. (u) DECLASSIFIED BY 564850/66 ON 5/12/98 (JK)

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See cover memo Wannall to Sullivan re "Request of General Maxwell D. Taylor for Information on Cuban Situation," prepared by VHN:djw, 6/25/62. (u)

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